

## **News Release**

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## NEW VOTER CARDS IN ROUTE TO REGISTERED VOTERS IN LOCALITIES AFFECTED BY REDISTRICTING

RICHMOND, VA — The State Board of Elections has completed generating new voter cards for voters in localities impacted by congressional redistricting. To date, approximately 860,000 voter cards have been generated for voters affected by these congressional changes. Localities with voters receiving these cards are as follows: Alleghany County, Bedford County, Brunswick County, Caroline County, Chesterfield County, Covington City, Fairfax County, Fauquier County, Hampton City, Henrico County, Henry County, Madison County, Martinsville City, New Kent County, Newport News City, Page County, Petersburg City, Prince George County, Prince William County, Rappahannock County, Richmond City, Roanoke County, Salem City, Spotsylvania County, and Warren County. These voter cards contain the districts and precinct information that will be in effect, beginning with the June 12, 2012 primary for congressional and local offices.

In addition, new voter cards will be mailed to all active voters in the City of Norfolk. These voters will receive a new card to ensure they are aware of any changes to their Superward, a special City Council election district in Norfolk.

Finally, statewide, voters who have not received a new card since January 1, 2004 will receive an updated voter card through the mail. The majority of cards will be mailed between May 3 and May 12. They should be arriving via USPS between now and the end of next week.

These voter cards serve as acceptable forms of identification that can be presented at the polling place to satisfy Virginia's voter identification requirements. Voters who receive new voter cards should review their card before they go to the polls to vote on Election Day. Their polling place or precinct may have changed and voters should be aware they may have to go to a new location to cast their vote. There is also helpful voter information included in the mailing educating voters on issues such as Virginia's voter identification requirements, information about services available at SBE's website, and important contact information. To ensure they are election ready, voters should check their polling place location online or call their local general registrar's office for more information.

If voters have questions about the new cards they may contact the State Board of Elections at 804-864-8901 or their local voter registration office. If citizens are uncertain if they are currently registered to vote they may check their voter registration status at <a href="https://www.sbe.virginia.gov">www.sbe.virginia.gov</a>.

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